

# Recreation Opportunity Guide



## SODA LAKE TRAIL

**Description:** The Soda Lake Trail is a 3.5-mile trail that meanders through muskegs and second growth forests of various ages until it reaches Soda Lake.



**Attractions:** Soda Lake, which gets its name from the soda-like bubbling of the lake, is a unique geological formation. Its bubbling is caused by air traveling in underground streams and being released at the lake. Much of Prince of Wales Island is characterized by karst, or limestone geology. This geology is porous and allows water to flow through it often forming caves, underground caverns or bubbling areas where it reaches the surface. The Soda Lake Trail is also a good place to see wildlife, because many species like deer and bears like to feed in the second growth forest.

**Special Considerations:** Small sections of the trail are rocky with short steep pitches. There is one creek that must be forded. Hunters frequent the area during open season. Portions of the trail are difficult to follow due to recent timber activities in the area.

**Access:** You can access the Soda Lake Trailhead from State Highway 913 (Hydaburg Road). It is located approximately 12.3 miles from the intersection of the Craig-Hollis Highway and the Hydaburg Road. Parking is available for 2 vehicles.

**Distance:** 2.5 miles (one way)

**Trip Time:** 2-3 hours (one way)

**Difficulty:** Most Difficult

**Elevation Change:** 300 feet

**Terrain:** Some of the trail is on an old logging road, other parts are punched through muskeg. The trail is often wet and muddy and there is a small stream crossing, so boots are recommended.

### Recommended Seasons

Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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### Practice Leave No Trace Skills and Ethics

- ✓ *Plan Ahead and Prepare*
- ✓ *Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces*
- ✓ *Dispose of Waste Properly*
- ✓ *Leave What You Find*
- ✓ *Minimize Campfire Impacts*
- ✓ *Respect Wildlife*
- ✓ *Be Considerate of Other Visitors*



### Safety Tips

- ✓ *Discharging firearms is prohibited within 150 yards of cabins and across, or on, a body of water.*
- ✓ *Do NOT feed or approach bears!*
- ✓ *Water for consumption should be treated or boiled.*
- ✓ *Rubber boots, rain gear and insect repellent are recommended.*

**USGS Map:** Craig B-3 & Craig C-3



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